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Dear Old Warwickians

It has just been announced that Dr Smith is leaving the role of Head Master of Warwick School.

I have been asked by the Governors and Richard Nicholson, the incoming Foundation Principal to serve as Head Master with immediate effect. Some of you will perhaps know me as either teacher, coach or latterly Senior Deputy Head in which capacity it has been a pleasure to work alongside Dr Smith, whom I would like to thank personally for his support over the past two years.

Some of you might know that I am an Old Warwickian and immensely proud to take on this role at a school I attended nearly 30 years ago! My association with Warwick School began when I walked through the doors of the Guy Nelson Hall on my first day as a pupil in 1991. Back then, I could never have dreamt that one day I would be Head Master!

I am delighted that Dr Simon Chapman, who has been at Warwick School for over 27 years will take over my previous role as Senior Deputy Head. It is an enormous privilege to serve school in this role and together with an outstanding team, we will work tirelessly to fulfil our responsibility and lead the school to even greater heights.

I am looking forward to working alongside the whole school community as we continue to strive to build an open, warm and understanding school, in which all pupils are known as individuals and celebrated regardless of their strengths or abilities.

As I am sure you will concur, a Warwick School education has always been an education in the broadest sense. Warwick School aims to develop young men of character, interest and achievement and central to this goal is the breadth and quality of the curriculum we offer.

You will remember an e mail from John Jefferies recently, who will continue to be a member of the Senior Leadership Team in his new role as Senior Tutor - a role that will allow him to focus on academic achievement throughout the school, support pupils of all ages in their ambitions and just as significantly, be a liaison with Old Warwickians – a most important part of the Warwick community!

Next week, I will look forward to the phased return of Years 10 and 12 but my excitement for this new role is tempered slightly by the fact that whilst we remain together as a community, we are still physically apart from our students. We do not know exactly what the coming months will bring, but in this difficult and uncharted era, Warwick School will provide a point of continuity and stability and continue inspiring and nurturing its pupils to thrive both now and in the future - *the 'Warwick Way'* just as it did for you!

Yours sincerely

J S Barker
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